

Daniel Unsealed

Part 1



God's Sovereignty Over The Nations Daniel 2

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I. The King's Dream - Daniel 2:1-12

A. The Purpose Revealed (Dan.2:29) What's the future of the Babylonian Empire!

Thoughts came to your mind while on your bed, about what would come to pass after you; He who reveals secrets has made known what will come.

B. The Power of Praise - Daniel 2:19-23

¹⁹ Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. So Daniel blessed the God of heaven. ²⁰ Daniel answered: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, for wisdom and might are His. ²¹ And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding. ²² He reveals deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, and light dwells with Him. ²³ "I thank You and praise You, O God of my fathers; You have given me wisdom and might, and have now made known to me what we asked of You, for You have made known to us the king's demand."

C. The King's Political Statue - Dan. 2:31-45

1. Who is this God that can play dreams of the future in the brain of a pagan king!

Then replay the dream for his servant to rescue him from certain death!

2. How Awesome is our God who predicts empires before they arrive?
3. The statue represents future empires and God's sovereignty over kingdoms
4. The statue depicts specific empires God wants Israel to recognize who will rule the territory of the Babylonian Empire, oppose Israel & dominate the land of Israel
5. Each portion of the image represents a dangerous, political Kingdom whom Israel will have to stare-down in the future Tribulation Period

II. The King's Statue (2:32-33) Near Term Interpretation

³¹ Your Majesty looked, and there before you stood a large statue—an enormous, dazzling statue, awesome in appearance. ³² The head of the statue was made of pure gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, ³³ its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of baked clay. ³⁴ While you were watching, a rock was cut out, but not by human hands. It struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them.



Nebuchadnezzar saw a large statue of a man whose body parts had 5 different metals. The 5 different metals represent 5 Gentile empires from Babylon to the Second Coming.

A. First Four Parts of the STATUE: 4 Empires (Dan. 2:32-33)

1. Head of Gold - Babylonian Empire (2:32a)

BABYLON (612-539 BC)

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2. Chest and arms of silver - Persia Empire (2:32b)

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MEDO-PERSIA (539-331 BC)

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3. Belly and thighs of bronze - Grecian Empire (2:32c)

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GREECE (331-63 BC)

4. The 4th Empire - Legs of iron - Islamic Caliphate (2:33)

ISLAMIC CALIPHATE (632-1923 BC)

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(See Background notes: Unsealing Daniel's Kingdoms - See chart pg.12)

III. Satan's 7 Consecutive World Empires (Rev. 17:9-11)

- A. Satan has fought God and Israel through a series of 7 successive pagan empires. They began with Egypt and ended in 1923 with the dissolution of the Ottoman Caliphate after WWI
- B. The rise and fall of these 7 empires are chronicled in Scripture
 - DANIEL'S PROPHECY ONLY MENTIONS 4 OF THE SEVEN EMPIRES
- C. All 7 empires hated Yahweh, hated Israel & were anti-Christ and anti-Bible
- D. God reveals these empires in Daniel (2,7,8,10,11) and Revelation (12,13,17)
- E. Each empire was conquered by the next in line; Each empire was designed to persecute the people of Israel and to control the Land of Israel

SATAN'S 7 CONSECUTIVE WORLD EMPIRES		
From Egypt to the Ottoman Empire		
EMPIRE	PASSAGE	PURPOSE
1 Egypt	Isa. 52:4	Purpose of Satan's FIRST SIX Empires: To persecute Israel and be ready to kill Messiah (Jesus) at His 1 st Coming (Re.12:3-4)
2 Assyria	Isa. 52:4	
3 Babylon	Dan. 2:32,37,38; 7:4,17	
4 Medo-Persia	Dan. 2:32,39; 7:5,17	
5 Greece	Dan. 2:32,39; 7:6,17	
6 Rome	Rev. 17:10	
7 Islamic Caliphate	Dan. 2:33,40; 7:7,8,17,23	Purpose of Satan's 7th & 8th Empires: Deceive the nations with the false god Allah to defeat King Jesus at His 2 nd Coming (Re. 19:19)
8 Islam / Ottoman Revived 7 th Empire (10 Kings)	Dan. 2:41-44; 7:7-8,11, 20,21,24,25; Rev.13:1-8; 17:7-18	

IV. 3 Reasons Why the Iron Legs of the 4th Empire CANNOT be the Roman Empire

⁴⁰ There will be a FOURTH KINGDOM, strong as iron, for iron breaks and smashes everything and as iron breaks things to pieces, it will crush and break all the others. Daniel 2:40

A. The 4th Empire Conquers ALL the Territory of the First 3 Empires

1. It will “will crush and break all the others” - Daniel 2:40

“All the others” = The first three Empires

Babylonian, Persian, and Grecian Empires

2. The Roman Empire never met this key requirement

3. The Persian Empire stretched from India to Ethiopia - Esther 8:9

And it was written, according to all that Mordecai commanded, to the Jews, the satraps, the governors, and the princes of the provinces from India to Ethiopia, one hundred and twenty-seven.

4. **TWO-THIRDS OF THE REGIONS** controlled by Babylon, Medo-Persia and Greece were left entirely untouched by Rome!

B. The 4th Empire would Crush and Grind-out the First 3 Empires to Dust

“as iron breaks things to pieces, so it will crush and break all the others.”

1. Rome did not have a reputation for demolishing everything

1) The Romans were builders - Not destroyers

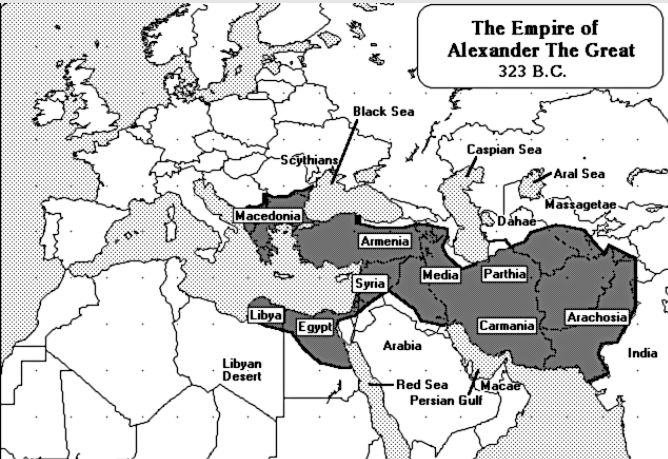
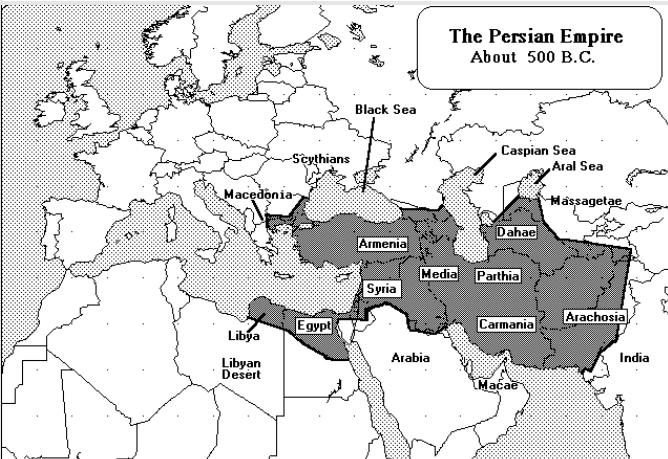
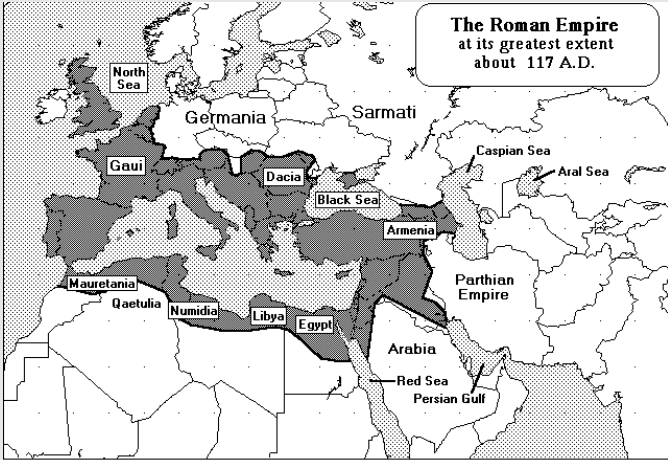
2) Infrastructure, law, order, roads, aqueducts, etc.

3) Allowed the language, religion, and culture to remain

4) Example: Rome built Israel’s Temple (46 years - Jn. 2:20)

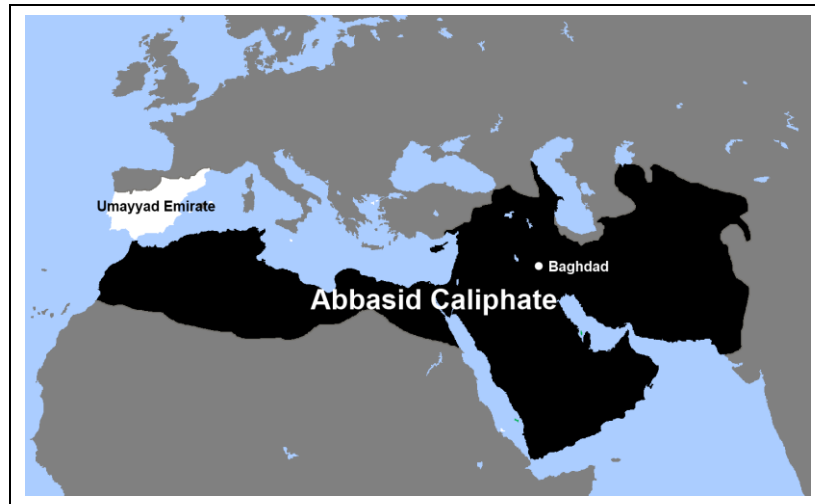
2. The Islamic Caliphate was a supremacist force that crushed and erased cultures, religions & languages of everything it conquered

Rome Never Conquered the First 3 Empires



The Islamic Caliphate Crushed All 3 Empires

Abbasid Caliphate (750-1258 AD)



C. The Islamic Caliphate, after Muhammad, fully, 100% conquered, crushed and obliterated all of the Babylonian, Persian and Grecian Empires from Turkey to India.

1. The Abbasid Caliphate, the third Caliphate after Muhammad, ruled Islam from their capitol of Bagdad for 500 years (750-1258 AD).
2. The ancient lands of Nebuchadnezzar were completely crushed and erased becoming the centerpiece of the Islamic Caliphate.

Islamic Empire Today from Turkey to India



3. When Christ returns and destroys the statue, the first 3 empires (Babylon, Persia, and Greece) will be fully destroyed - Dan. 2:34-35

You watched while a stone (Christ)... which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together.

- a. If the final Empire is the Revived Roman Empire, when Christ returns to destroy it, Babylon, Persia and the Grecian empires would not all be destroyed “at the same time”
- b. Thus the Roman model does not fulfill the requirements of the text!
- c. Revelation confirms that the geography of the beast will overlay Daniel’s first 3 empires of Babylon, Persian and Greece

The beast I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. (Rev. 13:2)

4. Why Does Daniel Skip Rome?

- a. The purpose of the dream was to show Nebuchadnezzar the empires that would follow his empire in the region of Mesopotamia
- b. The Roman empire simply does not align itself to the context of the dream and was thus not included

5. Prophetic Visions don’t always unfold in chronological order

The Book of Revelation			
	Chapter	Topic	Timeline/Sequence
1	Revelation 6	Seal Judgments	1 st Half
2	Revelation 7	144,000	2 nd Half
3	Revelation 11	Temple/2 Witnesses	1 st Half
4	Revelation 14	144,000	2 nd Half

V. Feet & 10 Toes Empire - Revived, End-Time Empire

Daniel 2:41-44

⁴¹ Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay. ⁴² And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile. ⁴³ As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay. ⁴⁴ And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed.

A. Why is the 4th Empire of Daniel so important to identify?

1. The 10 Toe empire, the empire of Antichrist, comes out of the 4th Empire
2. If it's Rome, we should be watching Europe for Antichrist
3. If it's Islam/Ottoman, we should be watching the Middle East
4. The 4th Empire will be revived in the last days and shock the world

B. When Ten Become One!

10 Toes, 10 Horns, 10 Kings = One Empire/10-King Caliphate - Dan. 2:41, 43

⁴¹ Whereas you saw the feet and toes... ⁴⁴ And in the days of these kings

The 10 horns you saw are 10 kings These are of one mind and give their power and authority to the beast. For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind and give their kingdom to the beast. (Rev. 17:12-17)

C. Who Are the Ten Kings?

The 10-king member states, who rise in the last days, are 10 Middle East, Muslim nations who will agree that their common interest in expanding the impact of Islam outweighs their separate national interests, and so require collective action under the strategic umbrella of a caliphate.

God sovereignly draws 10 kings into the Beast/Caliphate - Rev. 17:17

¹⁷ For God has put it into their hearts to accomplish his purpose by agreeing to hand over to the beast their royal authority, until God's words are fulfilled.

D. The 10-King Caliphate is a Divided Empire - Dan. 2:43

⁴³ And just as you saw the iron mixed with baked clay, so the people will be a mixture and will not remain united

1. Ishmael, his hand against every man - Genesis 16:12

Terror attacks are not just aberrant radicalism; it's Islam in its purest form and further commentary on *"his hand against every man"*

2. Sunni (85%) - No bloodline required, any Muslim can rule the Caliphate

3. Shiite (15%) - Muhammad's bloodline only can rule

<u>Sunni</u>	<u>Shiite</u>
Turkey	Iran
Pakistan	Iraq
Qatar	Syria
Afghanistan	Lebanon

3. This hints at Islam's longstanding Muhammad-Bloodline controversy

⁴³ "they will mingle with (in accordance to) the seed of men."

4. Satan patterned the story of Islam based on the story of Israel

a. Israel (Northern Kingdom) 85% - No bloodline

b. Judah (Southern Kingdom) 15% - Bloodline of David

E. The Statue is a Complete Picture of the 8th Empire

Head	1	Iraq
Shoulders/Arms	2	Iran
Belly/Thighs	3	Turkey/Syria
Iron Legs	4	Islamic Empire
Feet/Toes	5	10-King Caliphate



"He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days." - 2:28

VI. Global Acceleration of Divine Revelation - ‘DANIEL UNSEALED TODAY’

A. Two times in Daniel, God told the prophet to close up his prophecies because they wouldn’t be able to be understood until the time of the end - **Daniel 12:4, 9**

“Daniel, roll up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. Go your way, for the words will be kept secret & sealed up until the end time.”

B. For 2500 years, Daniel’s prophecies have been like a treasure locked up in a safe. But God promised to open the eyes of the last generation and give understanding!

Eye-Opening Events of the Last 75 Years

1 ***Birth of Israel - 1948***

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11 ***America’s Downward Trajectory***

EIGHT BEAST EMPIRES

John's 8 Empires Revelation 17:9-12 (Master-list of Empires)	Nebuchadnezzar's Statue Dream Daniel 2:31-43	Daniel's Vision of Beasts Dan. 7:1-28	8th Empire... Leopard Beast Rev. 13:2
1 st BEAST EMPIRE Egypt	The first two empires, Egypt & Assyria, are not mentioned in Daniel because they appeared prior to the Babylonian empire. Daniel's prophecy looked forward, not backward. Daniel's purpose was to show what would take place in the future. (Dan. 2:29, 37-39)		
Isa. 10:24; 52:4; Lam. 5:6			
2 nd BEAST EMPIRE Assyria			
3 rd BEAST EMPIRE Babylon	Head of Gold	Lion	Iraq
4 th BEAST EMPIRE Medo-Persia	Chest and Arms of Silver	Bear	Iran
5 th BEAST EMPIRE Greece	Belly and Thighs of Bronze	Leopard	Syria and Turkey
6 th BEAST EMPIRE Rome	Not Mentioned (Rome does not fit the details of prophecy for the final empire)	Not Mentioned	Not Mentioned
7 th BEAST EMPIRE Islamic Caliphate Rev. 17:10	Legs of Iron	 Terrifying Beast	7th Beast 'Wounded by Sword' Rev. 13:3a, 14
8th Empire - The beast that was, is not and is to come - Rev. 17:8			
8 th BEAST EMPIRE Revived Ottoman 10 Kings/Antichrist Rev. 17:11	10 Toes Iron and Clay	 10 Horns: 10 Kings	8th Beast 'Deadly wound healed' - Re. 13:3b
Kingdoms of men destroyed by Christ at His Second Coming			
FINAL EMPIRE Christ's Millennial Kingdom Dan 2:35, 7:27; Rev 20:6	Mountain Kingdom fills the whole earth Dan. 2:35	Son of Man Coming in clouds Dan. 7:13-14	King's Throne Jerusalem Zech. 14:16